

August 16, 2014

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

**“And Jesus said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it shall move and nothing shall be impossible to you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” Matthew 17:20-21.**

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** Last month at the Dominican Republic, IMB missionaries of the Americas were given a challenge to give money to the Lottie Moon Offering by their Affinity Leader. The goal was set at \$100,000.00. This seemed like an impossible endeavor but for God it wasn't impossible! During our time in the Dominican Republic, missionaries gave to the offering and the total kept growing. Our leader made an announcement stating that if we reached our set goal there was an anonymous donor that would match the \$100,000.00. We are happy to report that the \$100 thousand goal was met and the donor matched it but that's not all God did!! The final total given by 225 IMB missionary families and 25 single IMB missionaries in the Americas Affinity was \$271,507.92. “With God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26. Praise and glory to God for this blessing!!

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering update:** Our Affinity Leader of the Americas says, “It feels as if the Holy Spirit is fanning some LMCO enthusiasm into flame, and I'd like all of you to at least consider encouraging your prayer partners to jump on board!” We would like our prayer partners and Stateside churches to know that the missionaries of the American Peoples Affinity gave sacrificially to the LMCO (see above), because

- they believe that we as Southern Baptists have both the responsibility and the privilege to take the Gospel to those who have never heard.
- they believe that those who die without Christ face an eternity in hell, and we should do everything we can to rescue those who are perishing.
- they believe that cooperatively supporting the LMCO allows them the opportunity not only to DO missions here in the Americas but also SUPPORT missions on the other side of the globe.
- they believe in not only GOING but also in PRAYING and GIVING.

\*Some of our prayer partners are members of churches who don't actually take up the LMCO. If you go to the IMB website, there is a place in which people can directly give to the offering. Here is the link as you prayerfully consider giving:

<https://netcommunity.imb.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=229>



**Wedding bliss:** Kandi and Kyle’s wedding will be August 29, 2014. We will be in the States August 18-September 17, 2014. Our plans right now are to stay around Oklahoma until shortly after the wedding and then after the wedding we will make our way up north to South Dakota and Minnesota to see family and friends. Many people have asked us for Kandi and Kyle’s address and where they are registered for wedding gifts. Kandi and Kyle are registered at Target and Kohl’s under Kandi Friesen/Kyle Fowler. Their home address is: 2801 N. Union Avenue, Apt. #33, Shawnee, OK 74804. We are excited about being there for Kandi and Kyle’s special day!

**OK Team:** We had a great time with our team from Oklahoma that worked with us August 4-August 14, 2014. God was faithful and the team of six worked hard. This team helped us finish the building on the “M people” reservation during the morning and in the afternoon we held VBS classes for the children. This was their second time working with the “M people.”

**Disclosure statement:** For security purposes/reasons, some names of villages/reservations, communities and our people group will be in the form of an acronym or be abbreviated with quotation marks.

**“M people” news:** God is blessing our Bible study on the “M people” reservation since our return back from Suriname and the Dominican Republic. Usually, it is hard to get our people back in the routine of coming to the study on Sunday evenings especially when we have been gone. Praise the Lord for the 40+ people that have been coming! Furthermore, not all those that are coming are ones in our normal group.

The young girl (14 years old) named Bruna was abducted from the “M people” reservation by a 20 year old-something man last month is still missing. Her father named Milton and the rest of the family come to our Bible studies. Milton has made many trips to the municipal city to see if the police had any more information or news. Please continue to pray for Milton, Bruna and the rest of the family as they deal with this tragedy.

**Floating house:** Please pray that the Lord will protect our floating house, our Lottie Moon boat and motor and our personal small boat and motor while we are in the States. We are thankful for our friends (Jose and Marron) who watch our belongings for us when we are gone. With all that is going on in our community it is nice to have friends who watch out for us!

**Radio:** Our radio program is still going strong. We just celebrated one year of being on the radio in June. Our radio program is reaching those for Christ across the airwaves. We are on the radio in “NC” five days a week; Monday through Friday from 11am to 12noon. Our radio program is called “Lunch with God.” Currently, we are reading through the New Testament and we are in the book of 1 Corinthians. We pray that God will continue to use the radio program to further His gospel in the houses of families in the Amazon region. We praise the Lord that His Word is being heard and proclaimed in 72+ communities and villages here in Brazil!

**Prayer requests:**

- 1.) Please pray for some dear friends of ours. She will be going to the doctor for some additional tests on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.) Please continue to pray for us as we make plans for future ministry. We are praying for God to reveal the next location to move the floating house.
- 3.) Please continue to pray for Leandro and his walk with the Lord. Pray that he will choose a day to be baptized.
- 4.) Please pray for a young girl (15 years old) named Adeleannie on the “M people” reservation. She is being attacked by demons. We have been asked to come and pray over her twice now.
- 5.) Pray for our “M people” village; Hymundai, Maria, Nei, Aldemira, Walter and the 450+ children and the other 1, 300 people.
- 6.) Please pray for our “M people” village’s new chief (Braginha) as he oversees his people.
- 7.) Please pray for Oseias who is the chief of “SA” (another “M people” village) as he governs his people. This is the village that we dug the well in February.
- 8.) Please pray for our health as we travel the rivers in northern Amazonas. Pray that we would stay healthy. Also, pray for safety as we travel in our small boat.
- 9.) Please continue to pray for Pastor Brelaz and our home church in Manaus as they minister to the Haitians and the homeless in Manaus.
- 10.) Please pray for Pastor Justo and his family as they minister to those at the treatment center.
- 11.) Please pray for our company leadership and their families. Our Cluster Leader and his wife are retiring in November.
- 12.) Please pray for our new Cluster Leaders “C and C” as they lead our EUPG Cluster. Pray for wisdom and God’s direction.
- 13.) Please pray for our parents and other family members. Pray for our two daughters and son-in-laws.

- 14.) Please pray for NAMB missionaries in the States and Canada. Ask God to continue to bless their ministries.
- 15.) Please pray that God would continue to bless His work in Brazil and throughout the world. Pray for those serving the Lord overseas.
- 16.) Please be praying for our people group (the “M people”) that all barriers would be torn down and the Gospel would be welcomed in all 34 villages.

**Family and friends, we are so thankful to God for you our prayer partners! God has truly blessed us to have you all as part of our team!! We know that God hears your prayers when you pray for us and the ministry. Time and time again, we have personally seen God work in answering your prayers. We want to thank you for all your prayers, support and encouraging emails. If you are new to our monthly updates we want to welcome you and thank you for your willingness to pray for us and the work here in northern Brazil. We love you all.**

For the glory and honor of Jesus Christ,

Don and Dawn (aka: Maria) Friesen



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Telephone:

Our phone number on the floating house is (92) 9272-7897 (Vivo). You can call us using Skype and it should forward your call to our phone on the floating house. \*Even if it doesn't show we are on Skype, you can call us using the above process as long as we have accepted each other as a contact. Please try multiple times if you can't reach us. To call us direct: 011-55-92-9272-7897, \*this will cost more.

Internet:

We are still working on getting better internet on the floating house. We just recently bought a new wireless modem and antenna. The internet is better than it was but it is still not 100% reliable. We get our signal for the internet from the municipal city which is 45-60 minutes away from where the floating house is parked. On some days, we can check emails but a lot of times we have troubles emailing people back. For this reason, please be patient if you send us an email and we don't respond right away. Know that we will...

\*If you send us an email message, please put a title in the subject line otherwise we will not open it. We do not open any email that does not have a title in the subject line because it might contain a virus.

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